

TOPIC Military Information from the Apetlon AAA Range

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1. Between 23 August and 1 September 1951, the only Soviet troops observed at the Apetlon (P 48/X 74) AAA range were a guard detail of about 25 men under the command of a captain. The telephone lines from the troop camp to the range, the former searchlight positions, and the officers' billets were still existing.
2. On 2 September a Soviet troop train arrived in Mexikopuszta on Hungarian territory, about 4.5 km westsouthwest of Pamhagen (P 48/X 34). At about 9 a.m., 3 trucks, 1 van-like truck, and 1 jeep crossed the Hungarian-Austrian border and drove toward the Apetlon AAA range. Six of the trucks towed 37-mm AA guns. At about 10:30 a.m., troops in the old emplacements southwest of Camp Apetlon and on Hungarian territory at the southeast tip of the lake opened fire at a sleeve target towed by an aircraft which flew over at a constant altitude of about 500 meters. In addition to 37-mm AA guns, 3 AA machine guns on tripods were observed at Camp Apetlon. No hits on the target were scored during the period of firing. The troops did not resume firing practice at sleeve targets after dinner. However, the aircraft continued its flight at an altitude of about 250 meters, dropping a dummy, about 1 meter long, as a target. Toward evening all of the vehicles returned to Hungary, taking along the weapons and the dummies dropped by the aircraft.
3. No firing practice was held at Apetlon during the period from 3 to 5 September 1951. \*

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\* Comment. The summer firing practice of all AAA units of the Central Group of Forces at the Apetlon AAA range was completed as early as 10 August 1951. 50X1-HUM

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